

# Southern Flyer



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## New commander settles in to familiar role

Colonel Nuckolls knows C-130s, knows how to fill Colonel Stewart's shoes

By Jeff Melvin  
908th Airlift Wing public affairs

If Col. Heath J. Nuckolls seemed comfortable taking the reins of command of the 908th Airlift Wing from Col. James N. Stewart April 3, it may have been because he's had lots of practice. In a déjà vu of sorts, the two colonels expertly executed the time-honored ceremony without a hiccup for the second time in slightly more than two years.

Colonel Nuckolls accepted command of the state's only Air Force Reserve unit from Colonel Stewart, who has led the 908th since February 2002. Twenty-six months ago, Nuckolls stepped into Stewart's shoes as commander of Dobbins ARB, Ga.'s 94th Operations Group. The new 908th commander may ask his predecessor to hold on to the welcome material from McGuire AFB, N.J.'s 514 Air Mobility Wing, Colonel Stewart's new command, just in case.

22nd Air Force commander Maj. Gen. James Bankers, who presided over the change of command ceremony, prefaced his remarks about the wing's departing and incoming leaders with praise for the 908th's people.

"You've been involved in the Global War on Terrorism since 9-11; first, providing security for the bases including Maxwell. Second, we provided alert airplanes all over the country within days of 9-11 happening; you were a part of that as well. Third, we got ready for deployment and ready to go almost immediately upon notification. You got yourselves trained and you were ready to go. We put you on hold because of diplomatic problems; but you stayed ready. ...Now you're supporting the War on Terrorism in the theater daily as you're mobilized. We put a lot of faith in you in making you the lead wing and we've not been disappointed. You folks have done just an incredible job throughout the time and I'm really proud of all your efforts. It's been an enormous accomplishment and also an enormous commitment that you lived up to and never faltered."

General Bankers thanked Colonel Stewart for his leadership during this stressful period. Although the stressful times would continue, General Bankers said, "The folks here are ready, they're expert and they're motivated due in large part to your (Colonel Stewart's) leadership."

The general praised Colonel Nuckolls, too, commenting, "Heath Nuckolls comes to us fully C-130-qualified with a great C-130 background. ...When you talk about leadership two attributes are paramount: integrity and respect (not of merely of the people he commands but for them). Colonel Nuckolls embodies these qualities and will be a great commander for the 908th."

Colonel Stewart recapped some of the unit's accomplishments during his tenure. Among the accomplishments he mentioned were: preparations for support of the Global War on Terrorism; facilities and security improvements; correction of training deficiencies; the 908th's becoming the



Photo by Melanie E. Rodgers  
**Col. Heath J. Nuckolls speaks to audience in attendance at the wing change of command ceremony April 3.**

command's first C-130 unit to be fully night vision goggles-qualified; mobilization; deployments and a highly successful unit compliance inspection. "Most of all, I'll remember the quality of the people in our wing," Stewart told the audience.

Colonel Nuckolls once again demonstrated how adept he is at following Colonel Stewart when with tongue firmly placed in cheek he delivered the ceremony's most well-received and humorous remark. "I'm not sure what message General Bankers is trying to send me since this is the second command I've taken over from Colonel Stewart. I figure it's one of two possibilities: (1) that Colonel Stewart does an outstanding job wherever he's at and with me following behind I can probably muddle through, or (2) I'm sent in to pick up the pieces that he left behind. Colonel Stewart has his opinion; I have mine."

After the laughter subsided, Colonel Nuckolls continued, "The truth of the matter is since Colonel Stewart has been the leader and I've been the follower, I can say it's the former not the latter."

Commenting that after a number of years of saying after every levying of additional taskings on the Reserve, 'this is going to collapse the system,' he's stopped, Colonel Nuckolls praised the men and women of his new command.

The reason the Reserve system works as well as it does, the colonel said, is "because of what you do. It's your dedication to duty and your country, and your willingness to make sacrifices to ensure we are free. And by that I mean in today's environment we have freedom from terrorism. When the call was made, you responded, and you responded well."

He concluded his introductory remarks by acknowledging that he wished he could tell unit members that the future would be different than the stressful times of the last several years, but that most likely "the future will resemble the past." The key, he said, to succeeding in the challenging times ahead will be for members to maintain a balance between their commitments to the unit, their employers and families.

## Don't forget Family Day

Come to Maxwell May 3 and enjoy the festivities at Family Day 2004. The event will be held in its usual location (see map on Page 4) with fallback to the Fuel Cell in case of inclement weather.

Family Day starts at 10, lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and sign out is with each unit. Everyone may sign in Saturday in civilian clothes as long as they are appropriately modest and general military standards for safety, hair, jewelry (no males wearing earrings, for example) are maintained.

The event features children's activities, softball games, refreshments, lunch and two new activities. New for this year's Family Day is a Commander's Competition to replace the tri-cycle race and a viewer's choice motorcycle show. Wing people who ride will display their motorcycles and vie for nominal prizes for the best looking bikes as judged by spectators.

In other Family Day-related news, strict base entry procedures are in effect; make sure your vehicle decals are current.

Similarly, child passenger safety inspections will be conducted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot near Family Day activities.

Certified passenger safety technicians and volunteers will conduct the inspections and show how to correctly install the seats, said Staff Sgt. David McCaughtry, 908th Security Forces Squadron.

Additionally, technicians will try to educating parents about child passenger safety, answer questions about CPS and double check the child restraint current recall list for seats recalled by manufacturers, Sergeant McCaughtry said.

Any questions, contact any First Sergeant.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Harrell Jr.

## Redman gets ready to rumble

It's a bird, it's a plane, no, it's "RedMan" (Tech. Sgt. Brad Counce) gearing up to do battle. See Page 5 for more about the Security Force Squadron's latest training aid.



## Thank you for the great welcome, have fun Sat., stay focused



By Col. Heath Nuckolls  
908th Airlift Wing commander

First of all, I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude to all involved in putting together the change of command ceremony and reception April 3. Everything about the event was handled in a first-class, professional manner, consistent with the 908th's reputation throughout the command.

I hope you are planning to bring your spouses and children to Family Day on Saturday of the UTA. I'm

looking forward to the chance to meet and talk with many of you and your families in a relaxed setting.

Our second deployment rotation is now well underway. As members depart I want to continue to support their families while they are gone. If you are a spouse of a deployed member and need help...contact your spouse's squadron. If for some reason they're

unable to help you, please contact me at 953-9080 and I'll make every effort to answer your questions or resolve the problem.

The "101 Most Critical Days of Summer" begin May 21. More accidents and injuries happen during this period than any other time of year. Please remember to take care and use all the appropriate protective gear as you work and enjoy summer sports.

See you on Saturday!



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## Giving our children 'stones' may be our best gift to them

The months of May and June are frequently seen as family-oriented months because they contain the recognition of Mother's Day and Father's Day. So, I'd like to kind of guide your mind through some wondering for a couple of minutes.



By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bob Anders  
908th Airlift Wing senior chaplain

My mother and dad grew up in those times, and in that generation that had very little. They wanted a little better life for their kids, and did everything that they could to improve the quality of our lives. They wanted to give us all those things that they never had. They instilled good solid values and morals in all of us, and we grew up knowing right from wrong and how to behave when we went out somewhere. In spite of their best efforts and all that they did give us, we heard the phrase "we can't afford that" frequently around our house.

My generation wants to give their kids a better life too. So I see kids today who receive a car for their 18th birthday, all kinds of fancy clothes, apartments that are

partially funded by mom and dad, etc. Now you need to understand that there may not be anything wrong with these things ... but here is the strange part ... in our efforts to give our kids all those things that we didn't have ... we may have forgotten to give them the things that we do have.

I'm reminded of a verse in the Bible where Jesus says to his listeners: "When a child asks for bread, will you give him a stone?" This is going to sound strange, but stick with me for a moment ... what is wrong with giving our kids some stones? Stones can be life lessons, spiritual principles, or values that have helped keep us on the straight and narrow. Stones play a very significant role in history.

When the nation of Israel crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land, they piled up a bunch of stones and made an altar to the Lord. The altar reminded them of all that God had done for them. When God renewed the Covenant with Jacob that he had made with Abraham, Jacob stacked up a bunch of stones to remind him of all that God had promised. So, when we give our kids some "stones," we may be giving them something far better than just some bread. Bread may last for a day or so, but some good "stones" can last a lifetime. In these months when we think about family, let's think about a "stone" that we can pass on to our kids.

## Don't sacrifice safety as we crank up leisure, work activities

Hey, have you noticed – spring is here? And guess what is just around the corner? Right - summer! More specifically, the time of the year that we in safety refer to as the "101 Most Critical Days of Summer."

This period, from the Friday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, is the most accident prone time of the year. During this time frame we will be taking

vacations, traveling more, playing sports, and participating in other outdoor activities including boating and fishing. It's good for our physical fitness "well-being" but traditionally we suffer more injuries and fatalities during this time of the year than any comparable period. Add to this the distractions caused by the current world situation, activations, and deployments and we create an environment even more favorable for a mishap. To minimize or lessen our vulnerability we must be more safety aware and focus on doing things the safe and smart way while having fun.

For example, traditionally we don't do as much physical activity during the winter months and then try and make up for it with the first days of

warm weather. Ask yourself – am I up to the task? If it's something you haven't done in a while ease into it - think about what can go wrong or cause an injury. Weigh the risks of play and leisure just as you would apply the ORM process at work.

There are other areas where we should be more attentive as well. Take driving, for instance. How many times have we talked about the effects of alcohol on operating an automobile, motorcycle, boat, or farm equipment? It goes without saying - driving and drinking don't mix! Be aware of other safety tips such as buckling up, wearing a helmet, using the buddy system with water sports, and stopping periodically during long driving trips.

Drive defensively – keep alert, obey all traffic laws, be courteous, adjust to weather conditions, keep a safe distance in front, and anticipate traffic problems.

Again, be safe – be smart, and have fun. Enjoy your summer activities, take a break from the pressures of work and everyday life but most of all be responsible. Be here next September to tell about it.

Finally, while we tend to emphasize off-duty safety during this time period it's equally important to focus on workplace safety. UTAs, annual tours, and deployments all need our undivided attention. From your safety office – have a great summer but remember – **"Safety is no accident."**



By Lt. Col. Richard Gilchrist  
908th Airlift Wing chief of safety



# April exercise offers chance for multi-facted training



Station 1 of the Contaminant Air Processing System. CAPS offers compact transportability and standardized, multi-faceted contamination control area processing adaptability under chemical, biological, or radiological environments. From bare base deployment to on-base HAZMAT applications, this system provides those items deemed essential by Air Force Readiness personnel.



Exercise participants use the buddy system to remove protective overgarment.



Exercise participant applies pressure to the front 'voicemitter' (talkbox) so attendant can wipe down mask before removal.



Attendant uses chemical agent monitor to check for contamination before clearing individual to enter toxin-free area.



Boot removal

Photos by Maj. Jerry Lobb



# Here's what you need-to-know so there's 'no crying in softball'

## Everything you want to know about softball but were afraid to ask

Single-elimination tournament - roster must be submitted to Rick Fanning at umpire/team captain meeting (10:15 @ Ball Fields) - no switching once committed

**IF YOU SLIDE YOU WILL BE OUT!** No sliding rule in effect. (re: 2001 Line of Duty list). **No metal cleats.**

Two Umpires are required; 1 at home plate and 1 at first base. Every squadron should provide two umpires. Ideally no one ump's their squadron.

**50-minute time limit.** If game is not over, will finish the inning, team in the lead wins. If tied, play until tie is broken.

**Seven innings per game.** Foul ball on the 3rd strike is an out. (If time is a factor MAY start each batter out with 1 ball and 1 strike to speed up the game.)

**ALL PLAYS AT HOME PLATE ARE FORCE PLAYS.** The defensive player may touch the plate or the runner to record the out.

**Infield Fly Rule** - In the event of a fly ball that should be caught by an infielder, with less than two (2) outs and runners on first and second, or first, second and third, the batter shall automatically be called out. If the infielder drops the ball, the runners proceed at their own risk. There is no force play because the batter is out regardless of whether the ball is caught.

**Mercy Rule** - if down by 15 after 4 innings OR if down by 10 after 5 innings, game is over; otherwise play till completion.

**TIME.** All games will start on time. A game is considered complete when the losing team has completed its at-bat in seven (7) innings. In case of darkness, the team leading after the last complete inning will be the winner, provided at least four (4) innings of play have been completed. If four (4) full innings have not been completed, a tie will be called with the consent of both team captains, provided that it is decided by the beginning of the 4th inning.

**CAPTAINS.** Each team will designate a team captain before each game. On points of controversy ONLY the team captains are solely responsible for reaching an agreement before play continues.

**TEAMS.** Each team will field a maximum of 10 players, three of whom must be women. If only two women are available, nine (9) is the maximum number of players to be fielded. There is no upper limit on the number of players on a team, although a maximum of 10 players can be fielded per inning. The minimum number of players to constitute a team will be eight, two of whom must be women. Each team must field a catcher.

**SUBSTITUTIONS.** All substitutions must be made at the beginning of an inning. Substitutions will be permitted once an inning has begun, only

if required by (1) injury, or (2) the late arrival of a member of a team currently fielding less than 10 players.

### PITCHING.

The Pitcher will be a member of the team at bat.

All pitches will be delivered underhand.

A batter is called out if the batter fails to put the ball in play within three (3) pitches for men or four (4) pitches for women.

A foul ball on the last allowed pitch is an out.

The pitcher should not interfere with the ball. If the ball hits the pitcher, in the absence of intentional interference, the ball is considered a DEAD BALL, NO PITCH. If the pitcher intentionally interferes with the ball, the batter shall be called out.

**BATTING.** No bunting allowed. All batters must take a FULL SWING.

### FIELDING.

Plays at Home Plate

A commitment line will be placed mid-way between third base and home plate. Once a runner has passed the commitment line, the runner is committed, and must advance to home plate.

To avoid injury to the catcher and the runner, the runner will run to the "runner's home plate" located to the catcher's left of the "true" home plate.

Once a runner has passed the commitment line, the runner will be called out if:

A FORCE play is made at the "true" home plate (i.e., the catcher has the ball in his/her control while stepping on the "true" home plate); or

The runner touches the "true" home plate before the runner touches the "runner's home plate."

A "TAG" PLAY MADE ON A RUNNER WHO HAS CROSSED THE COMMITMENT LINE WILL NOT CONSTITUTE AN OUT.

### BASE RUNNING.

Base runner may not leave the base until the ball is hit. Obvious disregard for this rule will result in the runner being called out.

A base runner may not leave the base path to avoid a play being made on the runner.

To advance on a fly ball the runner must tag the base after a defensive player has caught the ball. The runner may advance at his or her own risk on a fly ball. If a fly ball is touched by two defensive players and is caught before touching the ground, the batter shall be out, but it is not necessary for the base runner to tag up before advancing.

If a batter is unable to run due to injury, a pinch runner may be used. A pinch runner must be the last person out of the same gender. THE PINCH RUNNER MAY ONLY COME IN ONCE THE BATTER HAS MADE IT TO HIS/HER DESTINATION. ONLY ONE PINCH RUNNER PER INNING.

One base is awarded on an overthrow. An overthrow is defined as a throw that passes the person covering the base where a play is being made, where the ball travels into an "out-of-play" area (see ground rules for out-of-play areas, as set forth in § 6, below). The runner is allowed the base beyond the one he/she has just reached. Once the ball is out-of-play and the runner advances to the next base, the play is over.

**DEAD BALLS OR OUT-OF-PLAY BALLS.**

A ball is out of play if it travels out of the boundaries of the field.

Dropped foul balls, balls that travel out of the boundaries of the field of play; balls that touch the pitcher unintentionally; and/or balls

thrown to the pitcher of the at-bat team by an infielder AFTER all runners have either safely reached a permitted base or have gotten out are considered dead balls.

### LIVE BALLS.

A ball is live unless it is a dead ball. Runners may advance at their own peril while the ball is live.

A play is over, and the umpire will call time, when all runners have safely reached a permitted base, and an infielder on the fielding team then throws the ball to

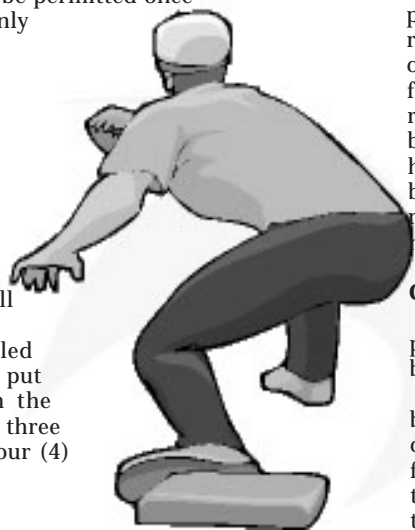
the pitcher for the team at-bat. The ball is live if (1) an outfielder throws the ball to the pitcher; or (2) an infielder throws the ball to the pitcher before all runners have reached base. The pitcher should not touch a live ball.

**PROPOSED RULE:** Optional extra "runners" base at first. Upon agreement of both team captains, an additional first base may be provided. The first baseperson shall tag the inner first base, while the runner must step on the outer first base.

## Schedule

Game	Teams	Time	Field
A	25APS vs. ASTS	10:30	1
B	LRS vs. CES	10:30	2
C	908AW&SFS vs. 357AS	10:30	3
D	908AES vs. MXS	10:30	4
Semifinal 1	Winner Game 'A' vs. 'B'	11:30	1
Semifinal 2	Winner Game 'C' vs. 'D'	11:30	2
Consolation	Semifinal losers*** ***Optional	12:30	1
Final	Semifinal winners	1:30	1

## 908th Airlift Wing Family Day 2004





*RedMan a security policeman's best friend*

# New tool helps Security Forces stay strong, work smarter

By Tech. Sgt. James L. Harrell Jr.  
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Unit Public Affairs Rep

908th Security Forces Squadron personnel have a new tool to help better defend themselves in hand-to-hand or close quarters defensive tactics. They call it the RedMan and you're supposed to fight it. It keeps coming after you even if you're tired, sore and can't take anymore. If you aren't ready, it will get you.

Designed by Macho Products of Sebastian, Fla., the RedMan is used by law enforcement and security agencies around the world to provide realistic personal defensive training. RedMan is a personal protective fighting suit that allows realistic training in defensive tactics such as empty hand control tactics to baton and blunt force trauma strikes without harm to the wearer. The suit is made up of form-

fitting foam padding that covers the wearer from head to toe.

"The RedMan gives us new options in training our personnel," said Tech. Sgt. Lelia Collins, unit training manager.

"Before we had the suit, the troops could only go half-speed or simulate defense tactics. Now, members can go full speed, especially in the use of the extendable baton. Using a training baton made of lightweight dipped-foam with a hollow polymer core, members can now practice strike tactics without having to use duty assists," Sergeant Collins added.

The suit will especially be useful to the Phoenix Raven candidates preparing to attend the certification course. A RedMan test is now a part of the course.

During the evaluation candidates must fight the RedMan three times using proper tactics. The first is for two sessions for two minutes. After that, a fresh and rested RedMan is brought in, and students must fight it for two and a half minutes. Then another RedMan is brought in, and this time the student fights for three minutes.

All the fighting is conducted without rest and all is videotaped and reviewed by

instructors. Any strikes that are considered fatal such as hits to the head, groin, neck, or kidney are grounds for failure.

"You need stamina if you're going to survive the RedMan," said Senior Airman Richard Howard, a Raven candidate. "It's not fun being the guy in the suit getting beat up, but fighting the RedMan is great."

Integration of the RedMan into the monthly training for security forces members is planned. One member joked, "I can't believe they are paying me to beat up someone."



Above and below, Senior Airman Derrick Salley tests his baton skills against RedMan.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. James Harrell Jr.

Superintendent of flights Senior Master Sergeant Curtis Coleman takes a shot against RedMan.



## Awards honor Citizen Airmen, employers

Air Force Reserve Command is seeking nominees this spring for its Citizen Airman Awards and Employer of the Year Award.

The awards recognize both an enlisted reservist and an officer who deployed in support of current operations from January 2003 to January 2004. The employer award honors the person who strongly supported one or more of his or her Citizen Airmen during activation and deployment.

Last year Maj. Janey Worth, a flight nurse with the 908th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, received the Citizen Airman Award at AFA's national convention in Washington D.C.

Her civilian employer Managed Access, based in Tampa, Fla., was also honored with the association's

Employer of the Year award.

"We are establishing a panel in the Office of Air Force Reserve to review the nominations and submit them to the commander of AFRC for approval," said Chief Master Sgt. Troy McIntosh of the Policy Integration Directorate in the Pentagon. The chief is responsible for enlisted matters, associations, congressional functions and reports handled by the directorate.

The Air Force Association will recognize the selected reservists and employer at its annual convention in Washington in September. The reservists will receive a command plaque. The employer will get an AFRC eagle trophy.

The awards program will pay the travel expenses of the employer and spouse.

Units will fund the selected reservists' trips.

Nominations consist of a one-page narrative on standard 8 1/2- by 11-inch bond paper along with a biography of the nominee. The packages should explain the reservists' contributions to the Air and Space Expeditionary Force or contingency, and the employer's support of military members and the Air Force Reserve.

Wing commanders must endorse the nominations and submit them to their number air force commanders who forward the material to arrive in Chief McIntosh's AF/REI office by June 18. The address is 12213 Manchester Way, Woodbridge, VA 22192. If you have any questions, call the chief at DSN 225-9442 or (703) 695-9442. (AFRC News Service)

## Computer-based training available to all

By Tech. Sgt. Jim Verchio  
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SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) -- For Air Force people wishing to further their education, the solution could be just a mouse click away. The U.S. Air Force computer-based training system, located at <http://usaf.smartforce.com>, allows people to supplement major blocks of formal education that may not be a part of an individual's current curriculum.

People do not receive certification for courses offered through the system, but the training prepares students for the certification exams, said Master Sgt. Wayne Repke, program manager for CBT.

"The majority of courses are geared toward the comm and info career fields, but anyone affiliated with the Air Force can use the CBT," he said. "This is really a valuable tool that allows users not only a chance for professional development, it also provides them the means to do a better job at work."

The complete system is

available to all active-duty Airmen, Department of the Air Force civilians, Air National Guard members and Air Force reservists. Although nearly 700,000 Airmen and civilians have electronic access to CBT's desktop applications library called "Books24x7," only 3,000 of the more than 400,000 registered employees have used this service.

Since the inception of CBT systems, officials at the Air Force Communications Agency training management office here have worked to make sure the courses offered reflect the current needs of the Air Force. New information-technology and business-skill courses continually replace many of the older IT courses no longer used by the Air Force, Sergeant Repke said.

"Books24x7" is an extensive reference library of commercial books and how-to guides for most software applications. It is accessible exclusively to Air Force employees and offers a search function. Within a few seconds after typing in his or her question, an employee

will see a list of books giving access to the applicable material.

"The Air Force is really pushing hard to promote professional development," Sergeant Repke said. "Take (Books 24X7) for example. Nobody can afford to have all these manuals. The Air Force is paying for the service so the student doesn't have to. It's another example of how the Air Force is empowering people to improve themselves and their work performance."

The CBT program offers more than 1,700 courses encompassing both information technology and business skills including: software development; server technologies; database systems; project management; operating systems; Internet and network technologies; desktop computer skills; and budgeting.

This list is extensive, but Sergeant Repke said it is not all inclusive. He explained that virtually anyone can find courses to suit his or her particular needs. (Amy Hummert contributed to this article.)

## ROA chapter funds chance for foreign officer to attend language school

Thanks to the generosity of the local Reserve Officer Association Chapter, a deserving foreign officer will get a chance to attend the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers Language Academy July 12-23 in Borovets, Bulgaria. According to local ROA officials, although individuals have funded scholarships previously, the 908th is the first wing in the command to sponsor a scholarship.

The CIOR Language Academy scholarship program began in 2002 with two scholarships, followed by 11 for CLA 03. Twenty-two scholarship recipients are expected to attend CLA 04 in Borovets.

CIOR Language Academy director retired Naval Reserve Rear Admiral S. G. Yusem cited an excerpt from a magazine article, "CLA, a Success Story!" in announcing the success of this year's sponsorship effort. The first sentence reads, "The CLA, CIOR Language Academy, is a fine, concrete example of exactly what CIOR can do to help NATO achieve its goals for the 21st century -- to export security and stability eastward, and to include more and more partner nations."

CLA 04, Admiral Yusem said, is "particularly well positioned to achieve those goals, as it is the easternmost venue of any CLA to date. We hope that it will attract students from such nations as Romania, Albania, Croatia and Moldova."

Each CLA scholarship is in the amount of 500 euros and is used to cover travel, food, lodging and social activities, which are an important component of the learning process.

"There is no doubt that the student beneficiaries of these scholarships would not otherwise be able to attend," Admiral Yusem said.

CLA teaches English and French, CIOR and NATO orientation as well as the cultural and military history of the host nation. From all perspectives, CLA is a significant component to building strong Alliance relationships, director Yusem said.

## myPay offers 24-hour access

According to recent figures, nearly 70 percent of wing personnel don't know something 2.6 million others do or don't mind, calling, writing or standing in line for information others get almost immediately. Only 420 or so of the more than 1,300 wing people eligible to use the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's secure, online system, myPay, have signed up.

Today, myPay has more than 2.6 million members with customized personal identification numbers. Throughout the past four years, 13 major options have been added with countless enhancements. In January 2004, there were nearly 11 million pay statement views with more than 4.3 million W-2 statement views. In addition, there were a total of 249,000 transactions submitted through myPay and more than 1.7 million pay inquiries.

If you're still wondering why you should consider enrolling in myPay, consider these reasons. myPay offers convenient and secure access; is available around the clock from any Internet-ready computer; delivers your LES two days before print mail delivers confidence in knowing your pay is accurate because you're in charge. Changes made on myPay take effect instantly. You can turn off your printed LES for greater security and privacy.

For instructions on how to enroll in myPay, log on to myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. Customers with questions about myPay can call customer support at (800) 390-2348 Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. EST.

May Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, April 30, 2004			
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room

Saturday, May 1, 2004			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	0805	Newcomers' Intro/Wing CC	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	0900	Shots	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0805	0845	Newcomers' Pay In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/FM
0845	1000	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0900	1000	Wing Mobility Out-Processing	Bldg. 848/West Side
0930	1100	TDY/PCS Out-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room

Sunday, May 2, 2004			
0630	0700	Sign in	Orderly Room
0715	0815	PERSCO Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
0815	0900	MPF In-house Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
0800	0900	Newcomers' Intro	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training (Initial)	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	1130	Hazardous Cargo Training	TBD
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25APS (Various locations)
0830	0900	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0900	1100	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25APS
0900	1000	SFMIS Training	42 Communications Bldg.
0930	1015	EPR Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/Com Flt
1015	1100	Participation Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPM
1100	1200	Wing Career Advisors' Meeting	Bldg. 1052
1130	1230	Chief's Group Meeting	Bldg. 1461
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Bldg. 1055/Cmd Post
1230	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 903/DPMT Classroom
1300	1400	Chemical Mask Exchange	Bldg. 848/West Side
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1330	1430	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 903/DPMT
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Activity	Support functions' schedule		Location/Ext.
	Dates & hours of operation		
Newcomers' Training Flight		Sun, 0630-1600	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 0700-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
	Sat, 0800-1200		
	1500-1700		
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
	1200-1600		
Fitness For Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Sat, 0830-0900	Sun, 0730-0800	Bldg. 711/3-5714
	1330-1400		
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, 0800-1300	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M- F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
	Sat, 1300-1500		Bldg. 1056/Rm 102
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

Remember Family Day, Saturday,  
May 1  
Bring the family, have a ball

May UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

\* Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.

\* Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356

\* Input your unit's authorization code

\* Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558

\* The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad

\* The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)

\* The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.

\* To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.

\* You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)

\* If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying

\* If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.

**\* The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.**

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

**If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:**

Commercial: (334) 953-7332

DSN: 493-7332

E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil

Emergency cell: (334) 657-1304

**Notice!** Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the May UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

**Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.**

Aurora, Ill./Huntsville, Ala. Airlift Schedule

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local

Arrive Aurora at 1800 local

Depart Aurora at 1830 local

Arrive Huntsville at 2030 local

Depart Huntsville at 2100 local

Maxwell at 2145 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local

Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local

Depart Huntsville at 1700 local

Arrive Aurora at 1900 local

Depart Aurora at 1915 local

Arrive Maxwell at 2115 local

FY 04 Unit Training Assembly Dates

**\*\* June 5-612-13;**

**July 10-11; Aug. 7-8; Sept. 11-12**

***\*\*note date change***



## Take Note

**Congratulations to the following people:**

**Promotions**

....to Airman First Class

**Edwin Davis, AMS**

**Retirements**

**Lt. Col. Carl Smithson, ASTS**

**Master Sgt. Willie Bassett, CES**

**Master Sgt. David Manning, 357AS**

Congratulations to our new major selects: **David Chunn, OSF; Jason Kirkpatrick, 357AS; Patrick Oates, OSF; Ray Gibson, AES; Robert Moody, AES; \*Patrick Albrecht, CF and \*Eugene B. Smith III, SFS.**

(\* = Position Vacancy)



## WAI, USAF promote diversity

Master Sgt. Deborah Webb, 908<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group, shares a laugh with Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche at the International Women in Aviation Conference in Reno, Nevada, March 11-13. Sergeant Webb received a coin from the SECAF for her support of the AFRC Human Resources Development Council. Later that morning, the Air Force and WAI, International signed a Memorandum of Understanding acknowledging that WAI's mission of outreach and education is in alignment with the Air Force's goal of increasing diversity throughout its Total Force. Sergeant Webb, 908AW vice commander Col. C. W. Fox and 908AW Command Chief Master Sgt. Amos Moore attended the conference. In the agreement, the Air Force stated that it will promote WAI to active duty, Reserve, and Guard affiliates by notifying them of the membership opportunities in WAI to include scholarship, aviation conferences, and aviation education and career opportunities. Air Force presence at the Conference exceeded 75 representatives from all levels of the Force. WAI is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing networking, mentoring and scholarship opportunities for women who are striving for challenging and fulfilling careers in the aviation and aerospace industries. For more information about WAI, contact WAI at 101 Corsair Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32114, Phone (386) 226-7996; Fax (386) 226-7998; Web [www.wai.org](http://www.wai.org).



Lt. Col. Norm Ham

Courtesy photo



Lt. Col. John Stokes

Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb



Lt. Col. Ricky Crews

Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

## Senior staff gets new look; three get new jobs this UTA

Three wing members will be settling in new positions this UTA.

Lt. Col. (Col. select) Norm Ham, currently 357th Airlift Squadron commander, will move to the wing headquarters where he'll assume the newly created position of assistant to the wing commander.

357AS C-130 pilot Lt. Col. John Stokes will replace Colonel Ham as 357AS commander.

In the third move, Lt. Col. Rick Crews, navigator scheduler, 357AS, will assume command of the 908th Operations Support Flight. Crews replaces Col. Bob Britton, who heads to Niagara Falls, N.Y., where he'll become vice commander of the 914th Airlift Wing.

To mark the events, there will be a pinning on ceremony for Colonel Ham, Sunday, May 2 at 9 a.m. in the Academic Instructor School Auditorium (Bldg. 803). The 357AS change of command and refreshments and reception for both will follow the pinning.

The 908OSF change of command will follow at 10 a.m. Sunday in AIS Auditorium. The farewell luncheon with presentations for Colonel Britton starts at 11 a.m. at the Golf Course Snack Bar. (See photos at left)

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